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JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1955

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



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JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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1955-56

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
WALLINGFORD AND WANTAGE DISTRICTS  
JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1955 which contains the information required by Circular 17/55 of the Ministry of Health.

Once again it gives me great pleasure to record my gratitude to the Sanitary Inspectors of the four districts for their valuable assistance. My thanks are also due to Dr. Jebb and the staff of the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, who have carried out the numerous bacteriological examinations with speed and precision. Last but by no means least, I commend the help and co-operation received from the medical practitioners in the area, assuring them that it is always very much appreciated.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E. M. HAMILTON,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

# VITAL STATISTICS

## POPULATION

The population of the combined districts shows a decrease of 80 during 1955 and this must be attributed to the marked reduction in the population of the Wantage Rural District. It should be noted, however, that Wantage Rural District showed a similar increase in 1954. The excess of births over deaths was 195, an increase of 40 on last year's figure.

	Area in Acres	Estimated 1953	Mid-year 1954	Population 1955	Difference
Wallingford Borough	760	3725	3710	3740	+ 30
Wantage Urban	2797	5430	5520	5560	+ 40
Wallingford Rural	21790	16660	16330	16610	+ 280
Wantage Rural	74181	15050	15460	15030	- 430
Total	99528	40865	41020	40940	- 80

## BIRTHS

### (a) LIVE BIRTHS

Use of the "area comparability factor" supplied by the Registrar General has the effect of giving a corrected birth rate which can be used for comparison with that of England and Wales. The birth rate for the combined districts was 17.5 per 1,000 population and the corrected rate 17.0. This compares favourably with the rate of 15 for England and Wales.

District	No. of Live Births 1955			Live Birth Rate per 1000 pop.	Corrected Birth rate per 1000
	Male	Female	Total		
Wallingford Borough	31	27	58	15.5	15.3
Wantage Urban	48	54	102	18.3	16.3
Wallingford Rural	145	140	285	17.2	17.9
Wantage Rural	120	153	273	18.2	18.0
Combined Districts	344	374	718	17.5	17.0
England and Wales					15.0

### (b) STILL BIRTHS

The stillbirth rate for the combined districts was higher than that the 1954 but lower than the 1953 rate.



District	Number of Stillbirths			Stillbirth rate		
	1953	1954	1955	1953	1954	1955
Wallingford Borough	3	3	2			
Wantage Urban	1	1	3			
Wallingford Rural	6	8	4			
Wantage Rural	7	2	6			
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>18.1*</b>	<b>20.5</b>
England and Wales						23.2

\* Incorrectly given as 18.5 in the 1954 Annual Report.

### (c) ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

3.2% of all births were illegitimate compared to 4.5% in 1954.

District	Number of Illegitimate Births per annum				
	1938	1945	1952	1954	1955
Wallingford Borough	3	5	5	1	2
Wantage Urban	3	17	5	3	1
Wallingford Rural	11	26	21	18	12
Wantage Rural	7	30	15	12	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>

## DEATHS

### (a) ALL CAUSES

The death rate for the combined districts remains at 12.8 By applying the area comparability factor, a corrected rate of 13 is reached which is above the rate of 11.7 for England and Wales.

District	No. of Deaths		Death rate per 1000 pop.		Corrected death rate 1955
	1954	1955	1954	1955	
Wallingford Borough	121	127	32.6	34.0	23.1
Wantage Urban	56	50	10.1	9.0	7.7
Wallingford Rural	211	230	12.9	13.8	13.8
Wantage Rural	139	116	9.0	7.7	7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>13.0</b>
England and Wales			11.3		11.7

As in 1954 approximately 14% of all deaths were attributable to some form of cancer. It should be noted however, that the number of deaths caused by cancer of the lung shows a 25% increase. Although the Minister of Health has made his long awaited announcement regarding the association between smoking and lung cancer it is doubtful if the smoking habits of the population have changed much, if any. The instruction of school leavers about the relative dangers of smoking is now clearly a necessity. Apart from the lung cancer danger much ill-health will be prevented.

Cardiovascular diseases accounted for 52% of all deaths and of these one quarter was attributable to coronary thrombosis or angina. Coronary disease continues to claim many victims in middle life and is inevitably attracting the attention of research workers throughout the world. Is it due to the mental stress of modern life, overeating, lack of exercise, oversmoking or a combination of these? More light may yet be thrown on this complex disease.

# CAUSES OF DEATH

(REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURNS)

Causes	Wallingford Borough		Wantage U.D.		Wallingford R.D.		Wantage R.D.		C'bin'd Districts Total	Rate per 1000
	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total		
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	5	0.12
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	0.05
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	0.02
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	10	0.24
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	1	4	1	7	—	3	—	15	0.37
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	5	5	1	—	1	—	2	9	0.22
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2	2	1	—	2	—	1	6	0.15
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	—	5	2	8	7	4	5	33	0.81
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	0.02
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	0.05
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10	24	34	1	6	15	6	8	74	1.81
Coronary disease, angina	6	3	9	4	19	18	7	5	68	1.66



Causes	Wallingford Borough		Wantage U.D.		Wallingford R.D.		Wantage R.D.		C'bin'd Districts Total	Rate per 1000
	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total		
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	1	1	1	3	1	1	8	0.20
Other heart diseases	6	13	2	4	24	33	10	10	102	2.49
Other circulatory diseases	5	7	—	2	3	1	1	2	21	0.51
Influenza	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	1	5	0.12
Pneumonia	6	4	1	—	9	8	1	2	31	0.76
Bronchitis	1	1	2	1	6	3	4	3	21	0.51
Other diseases of the respiratory system	—	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	6	0.15
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	0.05
Gastritis enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	2	5	0.12
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	0.05
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	6	0.15
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Congenital malformations	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	5	0.12
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	9	2	4	9	12	8	6	57	1.34
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—	6	0.15
All other accidents	2	1	1	1	2	4	5	2	18	0.44
Suicide	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	0.05
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Total	54	73	19	31	112	118	64	52	523	12.8

## (b) INFANT MORTALITY

The infant mortality rate was considerably higher than in 1954 and also exceeded the national rate. Of the 32 deaths, 17 occurred in the neonatal period. It is also noteworthy that none occurred amongst the illegitimate births.

	No. of Infant Deaths (under 12 mths.)		Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
Wallingford Borough	1	3		
Wantage Urban	1	2		
Wallingford Rural	7	8		
Wantage Rural	6	10		
Total	15	23	19.8	32
England and Wales			25.5	24.9

## (c) MATERNAL MORTALITY

For the fourth successive year no deaths were attributable to pregnancy, childbirth, or abortion.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A large proportion of the infectious diseases was caused by the usual epidemic of measles which occurs every two years although there were not as many cases as in 1953. Compared to 1954 there was a considerable reduction in the number of Scarlet Fever notifications whilst there were 4 cases of Poliomyelitis, 2 being of the non-paralytic variety. Little change occurred in the number of Tuberculosis notifications but it is hoped the Mobile Mass Radiography Unit will visit the area during the next twelve months.

Notifiable Disease	Wal'f'd Wantage		Wal'f'd Wantage		Total	
	Borough	U.D.	R.D.	R.D.	1954	1955
Measles	61	165	350	181	5	757
Whooping Cough	8	2	51	38	81	99
Scarlet Fever	—	5	4	2	52	11
Pneumonia	—	2	—	10	10	12
Food Poisoning	3	1	10	1	4	15
Dysentery	—	4	—	1	5	5
Poliomyelitis	—	—	4	—	—	4
Puerpural pyrexia	1	—	2	2	5	5
Erysipelas	—	—	3	3	—	6
Meningococcal						
Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	1	1	—	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	4	19	15	43	39
Non-pulmonary     „	—	1	3	2	4	6
Total	74	184	447	256	209	961

### FOOD POISONING

An increase in the incidence of this disease was due to a small outbreak during the summer at Fairmile Mental Hospital. The organism responsible was *Salmonella Typhi-Murium*. It was impossible to locate the source of infection which was probably due to a carrier. However the course of investigations revealed the deplorable, ill-equipped kitchens serving this large establishment and this has duly been brought to the notice of the Board of Management.

## DYSENTERY

Once again there have been 5 cases of Dysentery. These have all been of the Sonne variety which is more prevalent amongst school children than the number of notifications would suggest. The main, and often the sole symptom is diarrhoea, consequently parents invariably consider it to be a "digestive upset" and not serious enough to warrant consulting the family doctor. Unfortunately in many instances the organism is carried for several weeks after recovery. Infection is frequently transferred from child to child through the medium of closet seats and the cleansing of these with strong solutions of disinfectants twice daily has been advocated in schools. We must not however be distracted from inculcating the habit of washing hands after visits to the toilet although this is sometimes difficult to expect from children when wash basins with only cold water are remotely situated to the school closets.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

### SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS, 1955

	Under 1 year	1—4 yrs.	5—14 yrs.	15 yrs. and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	34	1	1	1	37
Re-vaccination	—	—	1	1	2
Wallingford R.D.					
Primary	140	11	4	4	159
Re-vaccination	—	4	4	13	21
Wantage U.D.					
Primary	140	7	1	4	152
Re-vaccination	—	1	7	19	27
Wantage R.D.					
Primary	121	12	—	6	139
Re-vaccination	—	3	14	16	33
Total	435	39	32	64	570



## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, 1955

	Under 1 yr.	1—4 yrs.	5—15 yrs.	Total
Wallingford Borough				
Primary	31	20	2	53
Booster	—	—	1	1
Wallingford R.D.				
Primary	123	67	2	192
Booster	—	—	—	—
Wantage U.D.				
Primary	54	29	3	86
Booster	—	—	3	3
Wantage R.D.				
Primary	123	64	8	195
Booster	—	8	5	13
Total	331	188	27	546

## WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION, 1955

	Under 1 yr.	1—4 yrs.	5—13 yrs.	Total
Wallingford Borough				
Primary	43	18	—	61
Booster	—	—	1	1
Wallingford R.D.				
Primary	144	56	3	203
Booster	—	3	—	3
Wantage U.D.				
Primary	56	26	3	85
Booster	—	1	6	7
Wantage R.D.				
Primary	106	43	1	150
Booster	—	—	4	4
Total	349	147	17	513

In the Report of the Ministry of Health 1954, the Chief Medical Officer states that during the past four years there has been a shift of Diphtheria incidence from the 10—24 to the 1—4 age children at which age the disease is likely to be more fatal.

He further postulates that unless the immunisation of the younger age groups can be made more complete, this shift is likely to persist and may become more pronounced. The Ministry of Health would like to see 75% of all children under five immunised before the population could be considered safe from epidemics of Diphtheria.

Whooping cough is most dangerous during the first six months of life and immunisation is therefore desirable at the second or third month. This is more important where there are school children in the family as they invariably bring the infection home.

### B.C.G. VACCINATIONS

The County Health Committee planned to offer B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis to all school children in the 13—14 age group. This scheme is now well under way and the response so far has been most gratifying.

### POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Towards the end of 1955 the Ministry of Health announced that a British vaccine against Poliomyelitis would be available during the first half of 1956. A scheme was prepared for the vaccination of certain children between the ages of 2 and 9, as the amount of vaccine available for immediate use was rather limited. It should be emphasised that all the vaccine used had passed the most stringent safety tests.

Further vaccinations against Poliomyelitis will doubtless be forthcoming and it is interesting to learn that a scheme has been prepared in Northern Ireland this coming winter using an oral type of vaccine.

## HOUSING

Details on housing matters are no longer required by the Ministry of Health in this report but this important matter cannot be dismissed without a few remarks.

Happy lives are founded on good home conditions, a fact which should be perpetually kept in mind. There are as yet too many families existing in unsatisfactory living conditions which must be borne till that long dreamt about council house becomes a reality. One cannot but condemn the action of certain landlords

who cash in on the plight of these unfortunate people by charging exorbitant rents. They know that families in desperation will accept anything so long as it provides a roof over their heads.

Not all the smoke from household fires finds its way into the outside atmosphere. It is surprising the number of houses in which much emanates into the interior from defective fireplaces or chimneys and this is by no means confined to old dwellings. It is futile to talk of smokeless zones if the public cannot get smoke-free atmospheres inside their homes.

## PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

Accidents in the home are mainly confined to the two extremes of life and approximately three quarters of all fatal cases are due to falls, burns and scalds. Old people are especially prone to falls and as they are encouraged to live at home we must remain fully alive to the danger. Whilst great efforts have been made in recent years to have household gas and electric fires guarded it is still not uncommon to see parents allowing their children to play with matches. More care should also be exercised in seeing that all drugs are kept in places inaccessible to children.

Accidents on the roads recall two interesting observations made during the past year. Firstly advertising signs are often conspicuously situated in the vicinity of railway bridges where the road narrows, thereby encouraging the motorist to take his eyes from the road in front of him, with consequent danger to the public. Secondly, one is appalled at the number of petrol filling stations where attendants continue to smoke during the refuelling of vehicles.

## WALLINGFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1955—1956

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Alderman A. C. Lester (Chairman)  
The Mayor (Councillor J. O. Johnstone)  
Councillor T. D. Grandison  
Councillor W. Mason  
Councillor Mrs. F. E. Simmons  
Alderman Horace Walters  
Councillor J. H. W. Wilder  
Councillor E. F. Woolford

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1955

Sanitary Inspector: N. J. Arney, M.S.I.A., A.I.A.S.



## WATER SUPPLY

The anticipated yield from No. 4 Borehold not being forthcoming the major scheme for the electrification of the Waterworks was abandoned, but during the year partial electrification was carried out, with a consequent improvement in pumping efficiency.

14 samples of the mains supply were taken for bacteriological examination, 12 of which were placed in Grade 1 of the Ministry of Health's grading and two in Grade 2. Untreated raw waters taken from boreholes gave "nil" and 3 b.coli in 100 ml. the latter indicating slight contamination.

New Waste Water Bye-laws based on the Ministry Model were adopted and came into operation during the year.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new joint Sewerage Scheme was proceeded with during 1955: it is anticipated that this will be completed by Midsummer 1956.

In the interim the old Sewage Farm on the Moreton Road continues to be a nuisance, but as it is situated well away from any dwellings no complaints were received during the year.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

The weekly kerbside collection was maintained and the Tip at Ewelme used throughout the year. Complaints of fly and rodent infestation were actively dealt with from time to time whilst the Occupier gave assistance with the coverage of the Tip.

## RODENT CONTROL

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Re-visits</i>
Dwelling Houses	112	448
Local Authority's	45	135
Business Premises—4 Inspections—None treated.		
Agricultural Premises—4 Inspected.		
Sewers—Exempt until 1956.		
Estimated kills—Rats 875, Mice 250.		

## HOUSING AND MOVABLE DWELLINGS

A provisional Slum Clearance programme was formulated and approved by the Council, although it was felt that there might be some subsequent extension thereof.

Five Improvement Grants were issued and resulted in the bringing up to a satisfactory modern standard five old but substantially sound houses.

One Statutory Notice under S.102 to cleanse dirty premises was served.

## MILK SUPPLIES

There were two registered Dairies in the Borough retailing Designated Milk, the total number of designated milk licenses in force being:— 1. Tuberculin-tested, 2. Tuberculin-tested (pasteurised) and 1. Pasteurised. 3 Supplementary Licences authorising the use of designations were also in force.

3 samples of designated milks submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service passed the prescribed tests.

## ICE CREAM

The number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream remained at 15, one being registered for manufacture. 4 samples were obtained and submitted for analysis: all were placed in Grade 1.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND SHOPS

3 Notices were served and complied with in relation to the requirements for limewashing of walls and ceilings at three bake-houses.

A licence was granted in respect of one Pet Shop.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Two slaughter-houses were in constant operation during the year and the following carcasses and offal were inspected:—

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	261	18	63	214	449
Number inspected	261	18	63	214	449
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	1	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	29	—	7	5	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cycticerci	11.1	—	11.1	2.8	1.1
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	—	—	—	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.9	—	—	—	1.6
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

In addition 1 goat was also killed and inspected.



The following amounts of unsound food were also inspected and voluntarily surrendered:

	Cwt.		qrs.		lbs.
Tinned Goods	1	:	0	:	27
Cheese	4	:	3	:	8
Pork Luncheon Meat	0	:	0	:	17
Beef Trimmings	0	:	2	:	14
Dried Apricots	0	:	0	:	27
Total	7	:	0	:	9

The Council having refused to grant a Licence in respect of a third Slaughterhouse on public health grounds, the applicants appealed to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction. The Court upheld the appeal of the Appellants, but stated that they must bring the premises up to a proper standard on application for any future renewal.

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

### FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1938

#### PART 1 OF THE ACT

##### 1.—INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	15	—	—
(ii) Factories are not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	9	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	39	24	—	—



## 2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred		No. of cases in which prosecut'ns instituted
	Found	Remedied	To HM Inspector	By HM Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp'ture	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork	1	1	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	—	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

### OUTWORK

There was 1 outworker employed in the making of wearing apparel.

WANTAGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1955—56

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1955

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

### WATER SUPPLIES

	1954	1955
(a) Number of houses in the area possessing an internal piped supply	1473	1487
(b) Number of houses in the area possessing an external pipe supply	117	116
(c) Number of houses in the area not possessing a piped supply from the Wantage U.D.C. Supply System	44	41
(d) Extensions to water supplies during 1955. 1,672 lineal yards of 5in. and 391 lineal yards of 3in. spun iron water main to provide for new development and to improve the supply to the adjoining Parish of Grove.		
(e) 18 samples of water were obtained for bacteriological examination, seventeen of which were returned as being in Class 1 of the Ministry of Health's grading. 1 sample obtained from a shallow well from which the occupants of three cottages obtained their supplies was returned as grossly contaminated with coliform organisms. These houses are scheduled for Slum Clearance but until such time as action is taken in the respect a temporary piped supply from the mains has been provided.		
(f) One sample was obtained for chemical analysis. The water is extremely hard being in the order of 310 parts per million but is otherwise of a high chemical purity.		
(g) The supply of water obtained from the Council's boreholes was adequate to meet all demands and it was not found necessary to impose any restrictions on the use of water during dry periods.		

## SEWERAGE

	1954	1955
(a) Number of houses connected to main sewers for sewage disposal	1527	1538
(b) Number of houses with Cesspool for sewage disposal	23	25
(c) Number of houses with no drains for sewage disposal	16	16

New sludge drying beds have been brought into use at the Sewage Disposal Works and are operating satisfactorily but are still inadequate to deal with the volume of sludge produced at the works. Experiments are taking place in the use of Aluminium Chlorohydrate for de-hydrating the sludge.

A scheme has been prepared for constructing new sewers in sections of the Town where sewage is conveyed in old and defective culverts.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

House Refuse is collected weekly from all houses in the Urban Area. Trade Refuse is collected at monthly intervals.

The Grove Street tip was sealed off during the year but had to be re-opened due to an extensive fire at the tip in Gypsy Lane, Grove.

## RODENT CONTROL

Rodent treatment has been undertaken as follows:

(a) Council owned houses	Nil
(b) Private houses	13
(c) Business premises	Nil
(d) Sewer manholes	64
(e) Refuse Tip	7



## MILK SUPPLIES

There are two retailers of milk in the district both of whom hold supplementary licenses to sell Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested milk.

There is one retail dairy in the district which is frequently inspected.

Two samples of Pasteurised milk and two of Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) were obtained. Examination found them to be satisfactory.

## ICE CREAM

Number of premises licensed for the sale of ice cream	16
Premises inspected during 1955	16
Number of inspections made during 1955	31

Thirteen samples of ice cream were obtained, all of which were in provisional Grade 1.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are six catering establishments in the district including hotels with catering licences.

All premises have been inspected during the year. The total number of visits being 9 and no action was taken in respect of these premises.

## BAKEHOUSES

4 Bakehouses are in operation in the district. 10 visits were made and in one case informal action was taken with respect to the cleanliness of the premises.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse in the area and licenses to slaughter animals have been granted to seven persons.

Carcases and Offal inspected in whole or in part:

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	161	—	8	249	351
Number inspected	161	—	8	249	351
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	2	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	4	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2.5	—	—	2.4	2.0
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	—	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.5	—	—	—	1.1
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

The following items were found, on inspection at premises other than slaughterhouses, to be unfit for human consumption, and were voluntarily surrendered:

1 tin Chopped Pork, 1 tin Luncheon Meat, 3 tins Corned Beef Loaf, 1 tin Ham, 10 tins Beans, 3 tins Garden Peas, 2 tins Processed Peas, 9 tins Tomatoes, 3 tins Sweetened Milk, 12 tins Evaporated Milk, 1 tin Cream, 11 tins Youngberries, 9 tins Pineapple, 3 tins Oranges, 19 tins Peaches, 1 tin Marmalade, 1 tin Plums, 1 tin Prunes.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There is a site at the rear of Grove Street for 25 Moveable Dwellings. The sanitary and ablution arrangements are satisfactory and no action had been found necessary.

Four moveable dwellings are situated in other parts of the area in respect of which licences have been granted.

PRIVATE NURSING HOMES

There are no private nursing homes in the district.

HOUSING

	1954	1955
Number of permanent houses erected	48	8
Number of permanent houses erected by the Local Authority	44	—
Number of permanent houses erected by Private Enterprise	4	8
Number of temporary houses erected	—	—
Number of families on Housing Lists	196	220

The selection of tenants is primarily by a points system.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Number of persons dealt with under Section 47	Nil
Number of persons dealt with under Section 50	Nil

## SHOPS

Number of shops in the district	93
Number of shops inspected	34
Number of inspections	38

## NUISANCES

Number of nuisances abated during the year	87
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## DISINFECTION OF PREMISES AFTER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Number of premises disinfected during the year	4
Reason for disinfection.	Following Infectious Disease, or at request of occupiers.

## PUBLIC BATH

Number in the district	One
Source of water	Mains supply
How often emptied	Once weekly
Method of Purification	None
Water samples taken	None

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

New Public Conveniences for both sexes have been constructed in Post Office Lane. The old Public Conveniences which were inadequate and insanitary have been closed.

## LICENSED PREMISES

There are 20 Licensed Premises in the area, 14 of which have been inspected with respect to sanitary conditions. Minor improvements have been carried out to the sanitary accommodation at two of these premises.



SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY  
SANITARY INSPECTOR DURING 1955

Number of different premises visited	232
Number of visits made	460
Number of complaints received	106
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	34
Number of Notices:    Formal	Nil
Informal	13

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities	17	11	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority	16	15	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	7	—	—
Total	35	33	—	—

Cases in which defects were found—NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork—Nil

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# PUBLIC BATHS

There are two public baths in the district, one at the Shillingford Bridge Hotel, the other at the premises of the Wallingford Caravan Company. The source of water in each case is from the Thames. Purification is by the Chloretex method. No water samples were taken from these baths in 1955. The bath owned by the Caravan Company has not been open to the public for some time.

# REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse collection is weekly from the kerbside throughout the whole district. Removal of refuse is by two rear-loading vehicles. All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping: a muledozer being used for that purpose. Old disused gravel pits are being filled in and the land reclaimed for agricultural use.

# DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

During the year one house was disinfected after a case of tuberculosis had died there. One bedroom in a house was disinfested of fleas.

# FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

## FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948

### PART I OF THE ACT

### INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	31	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	35	35	1	—

## CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred		No. of cases in which prosecut'ns instituted
	Found	Remedied	To HM Inspector	By HM Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	1	—	1	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	1	1	—	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORK

6 outworkers were employed in the making of wearing apparel.

## SHOPS AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

The number of catering establishments (including Licensed Premises) is 20. This includes 7 cafes, 5 fish & chip shops, and 8 licensed premises with catering licences. There are 4 bake-houses in the district. All these premises were inspected during the year.

## FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following quantities of foodstuffs were surrendered by manufacturers and shopkeepers as unfit for human consumption:

- 60 kilos apricot pulp
- 22½ lbs. peeled tomatoes
- 23 lbs. tinned pears
- 6 lbs. jellied veal
- 4 lbs. luncheon meat
- 97 kilos tinned apricots
- 6 lbs. corned beef
- 85 lbs. bacon
- 21 lbs. tinned pineapples



## SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Slaughtering is carried out at three private slaughterhouses in the district. Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the butcher concerned so that an efficient meat inspection service is maintained.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.					
Number killed (if known)	151	34	111	218	1749
Number inspected	151	34	111	218	1749
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	2	1	1	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9	9	2	10	105
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.9	32.3	2.7	5	6.3
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	1	—	—	55
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	2	2.9	—	—	3.1
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

## MILK SUPPLIES

The district is a specified area in accordance with the Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) Order, 1954. All milk retailed in the area is designated as follows:

Pasteurised and T.T. Pasteurised—2 retailers.

T.T. Milk (Raw)—3 producer/retailers.

During the year 49 samples of milk were taken, and of these 3 samples failed to satisfy the Methylene Blue Reduction Test. These failures were drawn to the attention of the retailers concerned.

A complaint was received in the early part of the year relating to tainted milk, sold by a producer/retailer of T.T. Milk. This complaint was referred to the County Milk Production Officer who visited the producer concerned, and gave appropriate advice. No further complaints regarding this matter were received.

It was necessary to write to one producer/retailer drawing his attention to the necessity of having his name and address displayed conspicuously on his delivery van, to comply with para. 32 of the Milk & Dairies Regulations 1949.

## ICE CREAM

There are 39 premises in the district registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, which is prepacked. All these premises are equipped with refrigerators thermostatically controlled. The standard of cleanliness of these premises was satisfactory.

There are 2 premises in the district registered for the manufacture of ice cream, but only one of these manufacturers is producing. His premises are equipped with modern machinery, and production complies with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. Samples of his product were taken during the year for bacteriological analysis. (See results below). No complaints were received concerning the standard of cleanliness of ice cream vehicles operating in the area.

Number of samples taken—4

Classification: Grade 1—3; Grade 3—1

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

One person was buried by the Local Authority under the provisions of Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

There have been no complaints re atmospheric pollution.

## SANITARY CONDITION OF PUBLIC HOUSES

The sanitary condition of public houses in the district is generally satisfactory.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During the year legal proceedings were taken against a travelling showman, who set up a fair without authority, on land requisitioned by the Council. The showman was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £20.

## SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTORS' WORK DURING 1955

During 1955 notices were served in respect of the following defects:—General housing defects 23, Dustbins 71, Defective drainage systems 2, Sanitary accommodation in shops 4, Obstructive ditches 3.

## RODENT CONTROL

	Visits	Re-visits
Dwelling houses	236	950
Local Authority premises	48	144
Business premises	8 inspected	1 treated
Agricultural	27 inspected	
Sewers	Exempt until 1956	
Estimated kills	Rats 1950	Mice 400

## SEWERAGE

Considerable progress was made on the construction of works in connection with the Cholsey Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme. It is anticipated that the scheme will be brought into operation by August 1956.

A new stormwater sewer was laid in Lydals Road, Didcot, with a view to preventing flooding in times of heavy rain.

A sewerage scheme has been prepared for the village of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and submitted to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government.

## WATER

A new trunk main was laid between Park Road and Wantage Road, Didcot to improve water supplies in the higher part of the town.

Work in connection with the new water supply from Aston Tirrold was started during the latter part of the year. New small mains have been laid to serve development in several parts of the district.



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## MILK

There are 14 distributors of milk with 9 dairies registered in the district. Inspections of these have formed part of the routine work throughout the year.

Licences for the distribution of milk under the Special Designations Regulations are in force as follows:—

Tuberculin Tested	11
Pasteurised	17
Sterilised	1

Of the 14 dealers, one continues to retail undesignated milk.

Samples of milk have been obtained regularly and have given satisfactory results, with the exception of some batches of pasteurised milk from a pasteurising plant in the district taken during the severe cold spell at the beginning of the year. This was due to an over-loading of the heat exchange unit which prevented the milk from reaching the required temperature. Subsequently a larger plant was installed and further samples were satisfactory.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

Including licensed premises there are 75 catering establishments in the district. In addition, there are four mobile shops and a mobile snack bar operating in the area.

43 visits have been made to these premises and conditions have been found to be satisfactory generally.

## SHOPS

21 visits to shops revealed a satisfactory high standard of food hygiene. In one or two instances only were verbal warnings necessary to improve conditions.

## BAKEHOUSES

No. in district	16
No. of inspections	29
No. of notices	Nil

## ICE-CREAM PREMISES

No. of dealers on register 51

No new premises or dealers were registered during the year.

## SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND BUTCHERS' SHOPS

4 Slaughter-houses are licensed and used in the area. Conditions in each case are satisfactory.

6 Butcher's shops and 1 mobile meat shop are open in the district and each is inspected regularly.

1 Knacker's yard is licensed in the district.

During the year all butcher's meat slaughtered in the district has been inspected. Details of this inspection are contained in the table below: —

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed (if known)	197	138	271	375	1309	30
Number inspected	197	138	271	375	1309	30
<i>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcases condemned	—	3	1	2	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	12	4	11	37	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3.5	10.8	1.7	3.5	3.1	—
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcases condemned	—	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	4	—	—	5	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.1	3.6	—	—	0.4	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 3820 lbs.

## FOOD INSPECTION

The following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption: —

- 162 lbs. imported cheese
- 80 lbs. imported mutton (carcass)
- 60 lbs. tinned ham
- 132 lbs. imported beef (carcass)
- 432 lbs. canned corned beef
- 48 lbs. canned corned mutton

## WATER SUPPLIES

A piped water supply is available in all parishes within the district. In each case a borehole is the source of supply. There are 6 separate schemes but most of these have now been linked to augment the supply in case of deficiency at any one bore.

48 samples of water were taken from the various sources and were found to be of high bacteriological standard.

9 samples were taken from properties which, owing to their isolated position or other adverse circumstances are not connected to the mains supply. In one of these cases a well was chlorinated and subsequent samples were satisfactory. In another the owner laid a long length of supply pipe to connect to the main and in the other two cases the Council laid a mains extension to serve the properties.



Parish	Acres	Pop.	No. of Properties		No. of Properties connected to water mains		Sew'age
			Council	Private	Council	Private	
Ardington	2693	430	—	131	—	74	Yes
E. Challow	1657	745	135	115	73	114	Yes
W. Challow	1070	180	8	40	8	35	
Childrey	2929	495	42	108	42	106	Yes
Denchworth	1041	180	12	42	12	34	
Goosey	946	120	8	30	8	23	
Grove	2513	1470	76	262	76	212	Yes
E. Hanney	2200	510	20	123	20	115	
W. Hanney	1333	380	20	86	20	83	
E. Hendred	3198	1140	46	307	46	192	Yes
W. Hendred	2002	330	29	72	29	65	
L. Regis	2155	485	42	106	42	103	Yes
L. Bassett	1631	140	12	42	12	43	*
Lockinge	3763	250	—	81	—	68	Yes
Sparsholt	3329	260	22	66	22	60	*
Aldworth	1886	200	12	56	12	12	*
Beedon	2096	320	8	104	8	104	*
Blewbury	4246	880	55	237	55	208	*
Brightwalton	2054	280	14	83	14	71	*
Catmore	710	50	—	17	—	—	
Chaddleworth	3400	450	41	100	38	94	*
Chilton	1448	700	22	173	18	33	Yes
Compton	3803	985	49	241	49	105	Yes
Farnborough	1886	110	4	32	4	24	
Fawley	2190	160	8	41	8	28	
H. Norris	4479	800	79	187	40	70	*
Hermitage	1482	530	7	173	7	95	*
Harwell	2503	1820	44	401	44	309	Yes
E. Ilsley	3017	450	22	102	22	60	
W. Ilsley	3037	270	8	85	8	68	
Peasemore	2049	190	2	58	2	25	
Upton	1413	250	16	66	16	37	
Totals	74181	15460	863	3757	755	2596	

\* Small disposal works in existence for Council Houses only.

No. of dwelling houses connected to the mains	3351
Population connected to water mains (approx.)	11200
No. of dwelling houses supplied by S/pipes	176
Population supplied by S/pipes (Est.)	750



A start was made with laying a new 4in. main along the Ridgeway from Gramp's Hill Reservoir, Letcombe Bassett to a new reservoir to be constructed at Hill Barn, Sparsholt.

All raw water, except that pumped at the Brightwalton Pumping Station, was automatically chlorinated before distribution.

Chlorination equipment is on order for installation at Brightwalton.

## SEWERAGE

Sewers were laid in the Parish of West Challow and a contract was entered into for the extension of the sewage disposal works at East Challow and this is expected to be completed during 1956.

A start was made with the East and West Hanney sewerage scheme.

A number of new and existing properties were connected to the sewers in the parishes of Grove, Letcombe Regis, Childrey, East and West Challow, Ardington, East Hendred, Harwell, Chilton and Compton.

## REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

1990 tons of refuse were collected and disposed of at the two refuse tips at Upton and East Ilsley. This represents an increase of 8.6% over the previous year's collection.

Levelling and covering was carried out by mechanical means which released a man part-time for assisting in the collection. Towards the end of the year the tip at Upton was practically filled and it was decided to allow it to settle and to use it only in case of emergency. Negotiations were commenced for the use of sites at Hermitage, Farnborough and Childrey refuse tips.

Kerbside collection once per fortnight is in force throughout the area with one housing estate near Wantage collected weekly. The vehicles and staff are working to the limit of their capacity and it is inevitable that at times of sickness or holiday some dislocation of the schedule takes place.

Four men, two refuse vehicles and one calldozer are in use.

## RODENT CONTROL

During the year this was continued with very satisfactory results. Following the introduction of better methods in the previous year it was found that the number of complaints received was somewhat reduced and that infestations found were not so severe as before.

In October the work of pest control at A.E.R.E., Harwell, was taken over from the Ministry of Agriculture. This increased the amount of work carried out and it was found necessary to employ another operator part-time.

506 infestations were found and treated during the year.

## DISINFESTATION

All new Council houses have been sprayed with DDT solution before occupation, and five other houses have been sprayed for ant or other insect infestation.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

At the beginning of the year the improvements to the licenced site at Harwell were completed, and throughout the year 70 caravans occupied this site and the one at Blewbury.

In addition 44 individual licences under the Public Health Act 1936 section 269 were issued to the occupiers of caravans situated in various parts of the district.

## HOUSING

The selection of tenants for Council Houses again formed an important part of the work of the Department during the year.

Council Houses were built and let in the following parishes: —

Hampstead Norris	10
Letcombe Bassett	4
Chilton	12
Hermitage	7
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During the year the number of hutments was reduced by 5, from 88 to 83. Again it was found extremely difficult to demolish these temporary buildings owing to the number of families from evicted caravans, tied houses, etc., unable to find any alternative accommodation.

A housing survey was completed during the year to enable a return to be made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government regarding the number of unfit properties in the area and the proposals for dealing with same.



# SUMMARY OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK DURING THE YEAR 1955

Number of different premises visited	2538
Number of inspections made	3721
Number of complaints received	132
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	114
Number of notices served. Informal	37
Statutory	3
Number of prosecutions	Nil
<i>Number of nuisances abated</i>	
As to privies & W.C.s, sink wastes, etc	9
As to drains and cesspools	18
As to pigs and other animals	3
As to deficient or impure water	4
As to unclean houses	2
As to polluted ditches and streams	5
As to insanitary accumulations and deposits	1
As to other defects or nuisances	14
Number of premises disinfected	41
Number of water samples for analysis (Public)	48
(Private)	9
Number of wells closed	Nil
Number of wells cleansed, repaired or deepened	2
Number of new wells sunk	Nil
Number of new houses connected to water mains	77
Number of water certificates granted (Rural District only)	Nil
No. of seizures or surrenders of unsound or diseased food	91
Number of conservancy closets replaced by W.C.s	5
Canal boats on register	Nil
Number of slaughter houses on register	4
Inspections	17
Piggeries. No. of inspections	2
Number of retail dairies in district	9
Number of inspections	31

# FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

### 1.—INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Number of Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	50	21	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	5	1	—	—
Total	70	29	—	—

### CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

2 Cases of unsuitable or defective Sanitary conveniences were found and both were remedied. No prosecutions were instituted.

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

There were no Outworkers in the district.









